

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48(1), 483A.8, 483A.8B, 483A.8C, 483A.24, and 483A.24B, the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 106, “Deer Hunting by Residents,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 106 sets regulations for deer hunting by residents and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of take, and transportation and reporting requirements.

The proposed amendment reduces antlerless deer quota numbers in six counties in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. This quota reduction is designed to stabilize deer numbers in those counties whose deer population has been reduced to levels that were agreed to in 2009 by the Deer Study Advisory Group (DSAG). The DSAG was created to review, analyze, and make recommendations on issues relating to the state’s deer population.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before May 23, 2013. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; by e-mail at wildlife@dnr.iowa.gov; or by fax at (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their comments orally may contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515)281-5034 or by visiting the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building during regular business hours.

There will be a public hearing on May 23, 2013, at 1 p.m. in the Auditorium, Second Floor, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Participants will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources and request specific accommodations.

The proposed amendment will have a neutral impact on jobs in the state. Even though the Commission is proposing a license reduction, there should not be a noticeable change in deer hunting. The proposed new quotas are designed to keep deer numbers stable and result in similar license sales overall. Thus, the private sector job impact should remain status quo even with this rule making. The following types of jobs are positively impacted by deer hunting generally (and should see no noticeable change due to this rule making): hunting equipment retailers (weapons, ammunition, clothing, chairs, stands, binoculars, and other supporting equipment); field guides and outfitters; taxidermists; and restaurants, hotels, and gas stations for hunters traveling around the state.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48(1), 483A.8, 483A.8B, 483A.8C, 483A.24, and 483A.24B.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 106.6(6) as follows:

106.6(6) *Antlerless-deer-only licenses.* Paid antlerless-deer-only licenses will be available by county as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Adair	2400	Floyd	0	Monona	2500
Adams	1950	Franklin	0	Monroe	3000
Allamakee	4500	Fremont	1500 <u>600</u>	Montgomery	1300 <u>1050</u>
Appanoose	3300	Greene	150	Muscatine	1175
Audubon	100	Grundy	0	O'Brien	0
Benton	650	Guthrie	3300	Osceola	0
Black Hawk	0	Hamilton	100	Page	1800 <u>950</u>
Boone	650	Hancock	0	Palo Alto	0
Bremer	1000	Hardin	200	Plymouth	100
Buchanan	250	Harrison	2500	Pocahontas	0
Buena Vista	0	Henry	1025	Polk	1500
Butler	0	Howard	350	Pottawattamie	2100 <u>1300</u>
Calhoun	0	Humboldt	0	Poweshiek	500
Carroll	100	Ida	0	Ringgold	2600
Cass	1300 <u>550</u>	Iowa	775	Sac	0
Cedar	1025	Jackson	1250	Scott	500
Cerro Gordo	0	Jasper	1700	Shelby	400
Cherokee	0	Jefferson	2150	Sioux	0
Chickasaw	450	Johnson	1400	Story	500
Clarke	2500	Jones	975	Tama	500
Clay	0	Keokuk	1900	Taylor	2650
Clayton	3200	Kossuth	0	Union	2100
Clinton	825	Lee	1400	Van Buren	5400
Crawford	300	Linn	1300	Wapello	2150
Dallas	2700	Louisa	850	Warren	4200
Davis	3600	Lucas	2800	Washington	2250
Decatur	2800	Lyon	0	Wayne	3000
Delaware	975	Madison	4000	Webster	100
Des Moines	900	Mahaska	1350	Winnebago	0
Dickinson	0	Marion	2250	Winneshiek	3500
Dubuque	1375	Marshall	500	Woodbury	2500
Emmet	0	Mills	1350 <u>950</u>	Worth	0
Fayette	1650	Mitchell	0	Wright	0